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Avian Influenza Spreads in British Columbia

On Friday, April 2, officials realized the avian influenza had spread faster and farther than previously believed. The number of farms confirmed to have avian influenza grew from eight on Thursday to 18 on Friday.

Minister of Agriculture Bob Speller announced the order to depopulate all commercial poultry and other birds in captivity within the Fraser Valley Control Area in British Columbia on April 5. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) had recommended the cull to stop the spread of the disease and to stamp it out.

The announcement covers an area established on March 11, 2004 in response to the initial discovery of highly pathogenic avian influenza in the province. The virus found at the first farm in February was originally diagnosed as a low-pathogenic version of avian influenza, however it later mutated to a high-path version.

After the area has been depopulated and the farms disinfected, there would be a 21 day waiting period to ensure the disease is gone. Rick Thiessen, president of the B.C. Chicken growers Association, said repopulating the Fraser Valley could begin in six months, with full production having to wait 24 to 30 months.

Around 19 million birds on roughly 600 commercial farms will be destroyed over the next few months. About 80 percent of the poultry industry in British Columbia is in the control area and represents 15 percent of the national chicken market. Poultry from non-infected flocks can be processed and made available to sale. According to one source, the industry is losing an average of \$3 million a week and hatcheries are losing close to \$300,000 a week.

2002 Production (in '000)

	British Columbia	Market Share	Canada
Broiler Hatching Eggs	113,764	16.6%	686,352
Chicken Production (kg)	147,266	15.7%	939,936
Turkey Production (kg)	15,403	10.6%	145,689
Egg Production (dz)	59,421	12.0%	494,153

The CFIA has taken legal steps that require poultry owners maintain strict controls over who and what can enter their property. Vehicles and equipment must be disinfected before and after entering the property. Improperly cleaned and sanitized vehicles, equipment and clothing can carry the virus.

Alberta producers adopted a mandatory program to help control any similar outbreaks two years ago. All 288 producers are required to meet strict guidelines to be licensed. Chicken producers in Alberta are taking precautions such as spraying down tires with disinfectant, restricting visitors and avoiding contact with other poultry operations. Alberta has the advantage of a colder, drier climate which keeps some migratory birds away and farms are spread farther apart.

Production by Selected Provinces - 2002

	Chicken (000 kg)	Turkey (000 kg)	Eggs (000 dz)	Broiler Hatching Eggs (000 eggs)
B.C.	147,266	15,403	59,421	113,764
Alberta	83,970	11,509	39,413	74,104
Manitoba	38,860	9,714	54,777	30,649
Ontario	303,548	67,005	185,624	213,826
Quebec	262,147	31,155	93,562	184,874
Total Production in Canada (all provinces and territories)	938,936	145,689	494,153	686,352

Nearly 40 countries have restricted imports of Canadian poultry due to the B.C. outbreak. In 2002, Canada exported about 119 million kilograms of chicken meat.

Source: Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Chicken Farmers of Canada, various news wires

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Eradicated in Texas

On April 1, 2004, USDA informed the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) of the complete eradication of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in Gonzales County, Texas. All States, Territories, and regions in the United States are free of HPAI.

Source: APHIS/USDA

Japanese Powdered Egg Imports (in tons)

	Powdered Whole Eggs	Powdered Yolks	Powdered Albumen	Total
2002				
Nov	215.1	242.3	942.9	1,400.3
Dec	406.1	262.9	890.9	1,559.9
2002 To-Date	3,138.2	2,480.9	9,306.9	14,926.0
2003				
Nov	179.1	128.5	602.0	909.6
Dec	255.3	247.9	867.6	1,370.8
2003 To-Date	2,713.7	2,243.7	8,695.9	13,653.3

Japan: Frozen Egg Imports (in tons)

	Frozen Whole Eggs	Frozen Yolks	Frozen Albumen	Total
2002				
Nov	252.6	1,389.5	0.0	1,642.1
Dec	304.3	1,282.0	8.0	1,594.3
2002 To date	3,033.8	12,435.0	364.3	15,833.1
2003				
Nov	244.6	1,075.9	-	1,320.5
Dec	288.8	940.6	-	1,229.4
2003 To date	2,744.0	11,214.2	46.4	14,004.6

Source: ALIC Monthly Statistics

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending March 27, 2004		Year-To-Date	
Type	2004	2003 /1	2004 2003
LIQUID	287	202	2,026 2,333
FROZEN	0	0	0 14
DRIED	0	0	154 135
TOTAL	287	202	2,180 2,482

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending March 27, 2004		Year-To-Date	
Type	2004	2003 /1	2004 2003
LIQUID	38	124	1,110 1,505
FROZEN	7	113	207 1,080
DRIED	39	40	674 280
TOTAL	84	277	1,991 2,865

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending March 27, 2004		Year-To-Date	
Type	2004	2003 /1	2004 2003
JUMBO	0	76	50 76
EXTRA LARGE	0	750	2,700 990
LARGE	0	60	11,053 5,653
MEDIUM	1,590	2,594	9,870 12,252
UNGRADED	4,446	0	19,434 1,470
MISC	2,954	630	2,954 2,412
TOTAL	8,990	4,110	46,061 22,853

/1Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Data Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 27-Mar-04

(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	1,254	1,222	2,476
LAST WEEK	1,283	1,338	2,621
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,980	1,391	3,371
TO-DATE/2004	15,274	15,206	30,480
TO-DATE/2003	20,204	16,315	36,519

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	216	0	216
LAST WEEK	202	11	213
SAME WEEK YR AGO	239	0	239
TO-DATE/2004	2,789	40	2,829
TO-DATE/2003	3,722	49	3,771

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	1,470	1,222	2,692
LAST WEEK	1,485	1,349	2,834
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,219	1,391	3,610
TO-DATE/2004	18,063	15,246	33,309
TO-DATE/2003	23,926	16,364	40,290

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

		Apr 2, 2004	
		PRICES	VOLUME
		(Cents per Pound)	

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

		Apr 2, 2004	
		PRICES	VOLUME
		(Cents per Pound)	
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL
15% OR LESS			
RANGE	16.00	13.00-15.00	202,400
WTD AVERAGE	16.00	13.67	100,400
15-20%			
RANGE	13.00-17.00	11.00-15.00	2,669,600
WTD AVERAGE	13.89	14.19	1,857,600
20% OR MORE			
RANGE	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE			

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

		Apr 2, 2004	
		PRICES	VOLUME
		(Cents per Pound)	

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

		Apr 2, 2004	
		PRICES	VOLUME
		(Cents per Pound)	
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL
15% OR LESS			
RANGE	13.50-16.00	-	960,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.96		520,000
15-20%			
RANGE	12.00-19.00	12.50-16.00	2,077,600
WTD AVERAGE	16.56	13.38	996,000
20% OR MORE			
RANGE	-	12.00	200,000
WTD AVERAGE		12.00	

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 2 APRIL 2004.

The market was mostly steady on fresh tom breast meat. Demand light to fair with some spot premiums noted for post Easter arrival. Offerings mixed due to some plants running holiday processing schedules next week. The market on tom drums continued barely steady to instances weak as sellers continued to watch the export markets for signs of increased activity. The tom 2-joint wing market was barely steady at best with some sellers willing to consider lower prices. Demand light to instances fair for the adequate to ample supplies. The tom neck market was steady to instances weak. Demand light to fair for the adequate to ample offerings. The market on tom full-cut wings was steady. Demand fair for the adequate supplies. Trading was heavy on 4-8 lb. breasts for domestic shipments, balance light. For domestic: plant grade non-basted 10-12 lb. and 18-20 lb. breasts 105, fresh scapula 105-110 cents delivered. For export: fresh mechanically separated turkey 37-38, tom necks 58, frozen tom breast meat 173 cents delivered.

FRIDAY, APRIL 02, 2004**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	32.00-37.00		33.39	144	35.92	768
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	35.00		35.00	40	34.75	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	88.00-90.00		89.00	80	89.67	480

THURSDAY, APRIL 01, 2004**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	36.50	624
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	30.00	40
TAILS		W	33.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	89.00-90.00		89.80	400

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2004**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	36.50	624
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	30.00	40
TAILS	33.00-34.00		33.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	89.83	120

TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2004**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	36.50	624
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	30.00	40
TAILS	37.00		37.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	89.83	120

MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2004**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	33.00-40.00		36.50	624
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	30.00	40
TAILS		W	34.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	89.83	120

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.